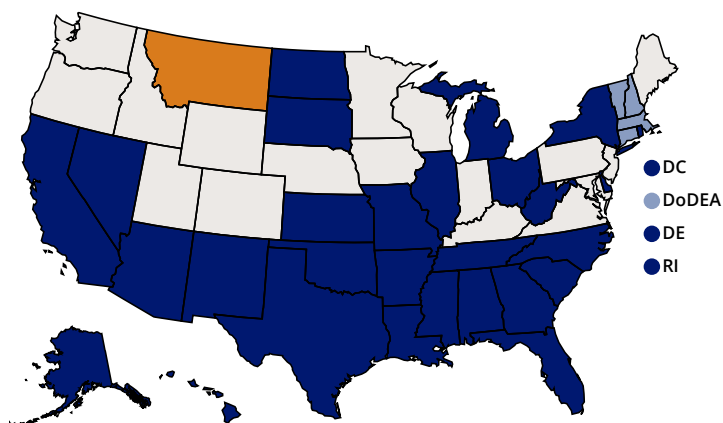


Overall Results

- In 2015, the average score of eighth-grade students in Montana was 270. This was higher than the average score of 264 for public school students in the nation.
- The average score for students in Montana in 2015 (270) was not significantly different from their average score in 2013 (272) and in 1998 (271).
- The percentage of students in Montana who performed at or above the NAEP *Proficient* level was 37 percent in 2015. This percentage was not significantly different from that in 2013 (40 percent) and in 1998 (40 percent).
- The percentage of students in Montana who performed at or above the NAEP *Basic* level was 82 percent in 2015. This percentage was not significantly different from that in 2013 (84 percent) and in 1998 (83 percent).

Compare the Average Score in 2015 to Other States/Jurisdictions



In 2015, the average score in Montana (270) was

- lower than those in 5 states/jurisdictions
- higher than those in 29 states/jurisdictions
- not significantly different from those in 17 states/jurisdictions

DoDEA = Department of Defense Education Activity (overseas and domestic schools)

Results for Student Groups in 2015

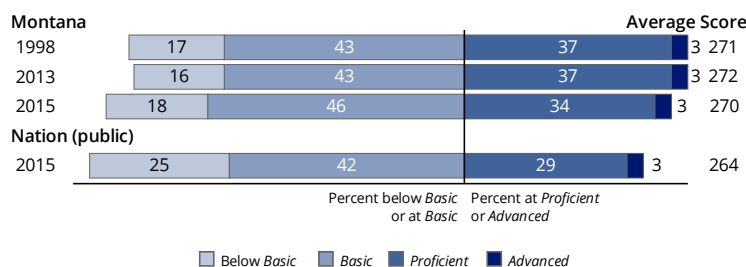
Reporting Groups	Percentage of students	Avg. score	Percentage at or above Basic	Percentage at or above Proficient	Percentage at or above Advanced
Race/Ethnicity					
White	81	273	86	41	4
Black	1	‡	‡	‡	‡
Hispanic	4	257	70	22	1
Asian	1	‡	‡	‡	‡
American Indian/Alaska Native	10	249	60	13	#
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	#	‡	‡	‡	‡
Two or more races	3	‡	‡	‡	‡
Gender					
Male	51	265	79	29	1
Female	49	275	86	45	5
National School Lunch Program					
Eligible	42	259	72	23	1
Not eligible	57	279	90	47	5

Rounds to zero.

‡ Reporting standards not met.

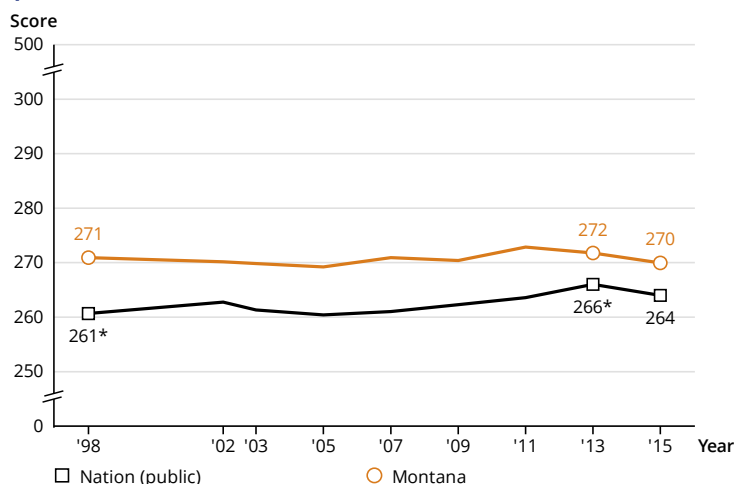
NOTE: Detail may not sum to totals because of rounding, and because the "Information not available" category for the National School Lunch Program, which provides free/reduced-price lunches, is not displayed. Black includes African American and Hispanic includes Latino. Race categories exclude Hispanic origin.

Achievement-Level Percentages and Average Score Results



NOTE: Detail may not sum to totals because of rounding.

Average Scores for State/Jurisdiction and Nation (public)



* Significantly different ($p < .05$) from 2015. Significance tests were performed using unrounded numbers.

Score Gaps for Student Groups

- Data are not reported for Black students in 2015, because reporting standards were not met.
- In 2015, Hispanic students had an average score that was 17 points lower than that for White students. Data are not reported for Hispanic students in 1998, because reporting standards were not met.
- In 2015, female students in Montana had an average score that was higher than that for male students by 10 points.
- In 2015, students who were eligible for free/reduced-price school lunch, an indicator of low family income, had an average score that was 20 points lower than that for students who were not eligible. This performance gap was not significantly different from that in 1998 (17 points).